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Torrance, California
June 18, 1940

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, June 18, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being
Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. Absent:
Councilmen: None.

Being an adjourned regular meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance High School, expressing appreciation for the use of the Civic Auditorium June 6, 1940.

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A communication was read from the California State Championship Baseball Tournament, requesting permission to attach a sign to the inside of back fence of the Torrance Municipal Baseball Park to advertise the California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament, beginning July 6, 1940.

Councilman Murray moved that the request be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the California State Championship Baseball Tournament, requesting the services of the Torrance Municipal Band for a brief period before the opening game of the forthcoming Baseball Tournament, beginning July 6, 1940.

Councilman Murray moved that the Torrance Municipal Band be requested to render the service as requested. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Marie Clark, 632 East 115th Street, Los Angeles, applying for license to peddle lunches from an automobile and requesting permission to pay the license quarterly.

A communication was read from R. A. Law, 4124 West 101st Street, Inglewood, applying for license to peddle lunches from an automobile and requesting permission to pay the license quarterly.

A brief discussion followed, the opinion being that since the ordinance specifically designates collection of the fee semi-annually, no exceptions can be made without changing the ordinance.

Councilman Powell moved that the applications for permits to sell lunches from automobiles be granted only if the ordinance is complied with in paying the fee for the six months' period. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Harold S. Kennedy, applying for a position as maintenance man for the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A telegram was read from D. C. MacWatters, Chairman Hollywood Red Cross, requesting the City of Torrance to announce the Red Cross Radio Show which is to be broadcast June 22, 1940, 9:00 to 11:00 P.M. and urging everyone interested to listen to the broadcast.

Mayor McGuire stated that the City of Torrance is conducting a Red Cross Drive in this vicinity, a goal of \$4,000.00 having been established.

Clerk Bartlett read an excerpt (House Resolution No. 14) from the California Daily Journal, pertaining to preservation of scrap iron. It was recommended that yards for collection and preservation of scrap iron be made available to the people at convenient and accessible places.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that some thought be directed toward a suitable location for such purpose.

Action and further comment deferred until the next regular meeting.

A resolution approved at the meeting of the Los Angeles County Council, The American Legion, was read, urging all incorporated cities and the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to adopt ordinances to combat subversive activities in Los Angeles County.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Grand Jury, County of Los Angeles, advising that, after going over the matter of an alleged shortage in funds in the City Judge's Department and the Police Department, and after hearing of witnesses and taking of evidence, it had been concluded that the matter does not warrant further consideration by the Grand Jury.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1390

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AGREEING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF
CONTRACT BETWEEN C. W. HYDE AND ASSOCIATES,
INC. AND ASSOCIATED ASSESSMENT ENGINEERS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1390 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1391

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE
PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE
ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION
BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF A CERTAIN
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, TO-WIT: THE IMPROVEMENT
OF GABRILLO AVENUE, IN SAID CITY, FROM
TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO THE EAST PROPERTY LINE
OF BORDER AVENUE, AND THAT THE ACQUISITION
OF AN EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES OVER THE
REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED IS NECESSARY
THEREFOR: AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY
TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE
SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1391 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young said he had contacted Mr. Warren of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District regarding the request of South Torrance residents that a sewer project be started in that area. Engineer Young said a more detailed report will be ready for the regular meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for one (1) Tandem drive Motor Grader as per specifications on file in the office of the City Clerk, 1 J. D. Adams Road King Leaning wheel grader with 8 ft. mold board to be included in trade-in. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the County of Los Angeles for Public Health Service be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with Luther Andrews for collection and disposal of garbage and tin cans be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the General Petroleum Corporation for gas and oil requirements be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the Southern California Edison Company for electrical energy for street lighting system and ornamental street lights be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the Torrance Herald for advertising be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract for liquid chlorine and anhydrous ammonia for the Water Department be granted to L. H. Butcher Company and Luippold Engineering Sales Company for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: None. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the Torrance Hospital Association for emergency service be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the Torrance Municipal Band for promotional purposes be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the South Bay Humane Society for public pound service be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with the State Relief Administration for community garden water be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with Harvey Beckwith for rental of recreation building at 2708 Carson Street be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with Robert Nuckles for rental of recreation building at 2415 Arlington Avenue be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the contract with W. E. Morris for lease and concession to operate baseball grounds at the Municipal Park be renewed for the fiscal year 1940-41 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute same. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$247.50, plus sales tax, be made for a photostatic machine for use in the city office. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$102.80 be made for toilet paper and paper towels. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett announced an Americanism Parade Friday evening, June 21, 1940 at 7:00 P.M., all those so desiring to participate.

At 8:16 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Barrett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John J. McGuire
Mayor of the City of Torrance